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THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

CONGRESS.-The Senate was not in session. House: The legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill

FOREIGN,-The Tribune's correspondent in London says political discussion futile, as Mr. Asquith, the Premier, is master of the situation; the Whitechapel cutrages and plans to prevent a recur-rence of them at the coronation absorb public attention. —— "The London omist" is advocating the peace and arbitration policy of The Tribune's correspondent in Paris says the triple entente between Russia. France and Great Britain is not threatened by the joint action of Russia and Germany in Persia. — Thirtymembers of the Camorra charged with the murder of one of their numwere taken in chains from Naples Viterbo, where detachments of police and carbineers prevented a rescue by large crowds. === An alleged attempt on the life of King Alfonso of Spain at Malaga was made public there. ——
A government decree issued at Lisbon forbade monks and nuns of the orders to wear a distinctive dress. === It was learned at Hankow that Chinese bankers had organized to combat a reported plan for a Chino-American bank. Albert of Monaco issued a proclamation establishing a constitutional form of government for the principality of Monaco. DOMESTIC .- Negotiations for a

procity treaty between the United States and Canada were begun by Secretary Knox and the Canadian Ministers of Fi-nance and Customs. — Oscar S. bassador to Turkey, and it is reported in Washington that W. W. Rockhill, Am-Appellate Division of the Supreme Court egating \$7,750,000 unti Democratic officers could examine the specifications — The will of Mrs. Oliver Peabody, filed at Dedham, Mass., left \$365,000 to All Saint's Protestant Episcopal Church, Dorchester, Mass., and \$280,000 to Episcopal institutions. The campaign managers of Judge Colt issued a statement at Providence, saying that Henry F. Lippitt could not elected United States Senator. Wayman was arrested and held under \$10,000 bond in Pittsburg as principal witness at the trial sathtub trust" in Detroit, on March 6.

Trust Company, declaring its condition to be so unsound as to render it unsafe of Joseph G. Robin, in so far as this con-cerned the bank. —— The guarantee obtained from directors of the Carnegie Trust Company by Controller Prendergast for deposits, last seen in the pos A real estate broker committed suicide just as he was about to get a large amount of money, the loss which caused him to kill himself.= skins of four rare animals to the Museum of Natural History by Theo-dore Roosevelt. Justice Goff denied wich, sister of Joseph G. Robin, the in- eral growth of the country. dicted banker, for the appointment of a commission to inquire into the latter's The prosecution at the Gresser trial rested and the defence Democrats indorsed the candidacy Edward M. Shenard for Shepard for the United States Senate

THE WEATHER.-Indications for to-

GOVERNOR AND COMMISSIONS.

is giving consideration to the Public of these apportionments the rule was fol-Service commissions and that he will lowed of not reducing the size of any have something further to say to the state delegation, and Mr. Crumpacker that Honduras has suffered civil or for-Legislature regarding them in the fut- follows the line of least resistance in seure. In the mean while the only criti- lecting 433 as the proper total for the cism he has to make relates to their next House, since his plan will encost. But the mere amount of the cost counter no opposition on the part of proves nothing. The money may be Congressmen from states whose represpent with the utmost economy and effi- sentation would be imperilled by choosciency and still its total may be large, ing a smaller total. He doubtless re-The field of regulation is enormous and members the experience of the Census the task is one of infinite details. If Committee ten years ago, when it tried regulation is to be something more than to hold down the House membership and an empty name a large staff of experts make the slower growing states offset of different sorts is necessary and ex- by reductions the gains of the faster pensive inquiries of more than one kind growing ones. The House refused to must be conducted.

Nor is the advance in the cost of regu lation "anomalous," as Governor Dix the old lines by a combination of outthinks. The commissions had to organize their system and feel their way. They probably did not begin to exercise all their functions immediately. Powers England, thirteen to the Middle States probably lay unused until the commis-including West Virginia; nine to the sloners developed the machinery to put South, five to the Middle West and them into effect. This alone was enough twelve to the region beyond the Misto make the cost of regulation in its souri River. This division contrasts ness of about \$111,000,000. That is twice early stages, as in this state, gradually strikingly with the distribution of new as much as the debts of all the other advance, but another thing has added seats under previous censuses, under to expense. The powers of the commis- which the South and the Mississippi sions have been added to and their field Valley states had been the largest of the Turkish Empire, which the pow of authority has been widened. The gainers. The Far West and the Midupstate Public Service Commission now die States are now increasing their regulates telephone and telegraph com- power in Congress and in the Electoral panies, which it formerly did not. The College at the expense of the region beregulation of these two additional kinds tween the Alleghenies and the Missouri. of public service corporations certainly New York and Pennsylvania will gain makes necessary a considerable increase together ten Representatives-more than

less are worth vasily more to the public trol the nation, has been upset, and the than they cost. There is the loss to in- Rocky Mountain and Pacific Coast comvestors which they check through the monwealths have come to be a far more circle. regulation of stock and bond issues, important factor than ever in national The appeal to the United States is not new year hour," said the grandfather, This is a considerable item, as the his- concerns. The states which are destined unnatural, but it is not to be either "but out West where the baby was born

financing in this city sufficiently indi- tion will probably unite with those obtaining a more reasonable service for give some such plan as Mr. Crumpacker's the Honduran debt is held in Europe. its money than was forthcoming be- a safe majority. fore the days of regulation. There is the saving also from the reduction and prevention of inequitable rates.

They had to develop a new function of government and make it practicable. They have performed their task so well slons, is ferced to admit that they have come to stay.

ANOTHER DISCOVERER.

Governor Foss of Massachusetts is so busy nowadays criticising the views and activities of other people that he has no time to set his own thoughts on polities in order. Some of his recent utterances disclose a most capacious ignorance of the rudiments of political knowledge. When he resigned from Congress to become Governor of Massachusetts he was quoted as expressing regret that his until March 4 next. Evidently he vacancies in the Schate are, by executive appointment.

In his message to the Legislature last week this passage occurs:

The federal law requires the redistricting of the state at this time. The purpose of this provision is not only to be equitably represented in the state Legislature.

If Congress passes a reapportionment law at this session, the Legislature of Massachusetts, should it be in session at of. Has it consulted those infallible exwas considered; notice was served on absent members that they must attend Congress districts, if it saw fit to do so. Congress districts, if it saw fit to do so. timable Loose? But it would not be required to rearrange them by any federal law now in existence. The Massachusetts Legislature meets every year, and as a new House of Representatives is not to be chosen until November, 1912, it would Court's decision, handed down by Jusbe just as practicable to make the ap- tice Hughes, declaring invalid the Alaportionment next winter as this winter, bama contract labor law on the ground Moreover, if Congress passes a law that it virtually established a system of which does not increase or decrease the peonage. They admit the soundness of representation of Massachusetts it would the decision and regret that unfortunate be no defiance of federal authority to conditions in some of the Southern states leave the present district boundary lines should have led to so extreme an atunchanged for another decade. Some tempt to hold shiftless and irresponsible states obtaining added representation farm tenants and share workers to their have allowed the old district lines to contracts. These newspapers point out. stand and elected the additional mem- as The Tribune did the other day, that ber or members at large. In fact, the laws like those of Alabama and South states have always enjoyed a liberal lati- Carolina had an economical rather than against a labor union attempting to tude in making apportionments of repre- a political motive. They were not sentation in Congress, the federal law passed with the intention of oppressing unions ought to know by this time that simply forbidding obvious attempts at a class which has at present a very gerrymandering.

the apportionment for a state Legislature. culture has had to be carried on in many employer and employe. A state Legislature is responsible to no of the old slave states. authority outside the state in drawing. The system of quasi-peonage which Oscar S. the boundaries of legislative districts, has grown up was a legacy of slavery. the state courts and the Supreme Court untrustworthy and economically ineffinegotiate a reciprocity treaty with the tract. To tie him down to a faithful ob-Dominion of Canada and set up a tariff servance of obligations on the strength system for its own exclusive use. Mas- of which he had received a money conduring the Foss administration:

the House of Representatives by Mr. Crumpacker, of Indiana, chairman of the CITY.—Stocks were strong and active.

O. H. Cheney, State Superintendent of Banking, closed the Carnegie an increase of membership from 391 to an merely presented a convenient basis of all peonage laws and an attempt to but must vote, under penalty of \$5 fine to let it continue the closing was held to be a direct result of the operations apportionment, guaranteeing each state the retention of its present representation and leaving to the House itself to determine later whether or not the ratio should be further cularged and certain ssion of Chamberlain Hyde, could not states suffer a loss in membership in order to keep the body more compact and manageable. Apparently he favors, as do most of the members of his com-Announcement was made of the gifts of mittee, an observance of the precedent set in all previous reapportionments since 1840-that of allowing an increase application of Dr. Louise Rabino- in membership proportional to the gen-

The enlargement of the House which

his bill authorizes is moderate. It will will add forty-two Representatives, and three Independent more seats will be created when Arizona, with one member, and New Mexico, with two members, are admitted to the Union. The House was enlarged after the census day: Cloudy. The temperature yester-day: Highest, 43 degree; lowest, 30. of 1900 from 357 to 386, and five seats were added when Oklahoma became a were added when Oklahoma became a state, in 1907. The increase after the census of 1890 was 24, and the increase Governor Dix has announced that he after the census of 1880 was 39. In each follow the committee's leadership and repudiated its bill for one framed on

siders. Of the forty-two new seats created by the Crumpacker bill three will go to New In expense. If a quarter or a third more the gain of the Middle West and New is added to the work of a commission it England combined. The old balance of date that debt for it is a land of great is no anomaly if it requires more money. power, under which the South could natural wealth. Under the sort of gov-The services of the commissions doubt- unite with a few Northern states to con-

RIVALLING DR. COOK accomplished Dr. Cook. Just as Dr. Cook one day was with us and the next was critical of regulation by commis- Chamberlain went from the haunts of instruments of penetration and communication.

And like the worthy arctic explorer tion of Philadelphia that perceived him. once sympathetic and resolute. To-day he is heard from on Long Island to name, as Governor, a successor to or beheld by some one who is perfectly represent the 14th Congress District familiar with his appearance within that dreams are merely reproductions of the confines of New York itself. The re- the actual events in which the dreamers moter parts have not yet reported, but have participated in their waking hours the lower house could be filled, as such if the mystery is sufficiently maintained will confer a great favor if he will tell returning travellers from Bermuda will when and where various sane and soher tell how they talked to him and how he citizens have played golf with pink lizadmitted that he was Hyde. Chili will ards for sticks and apple dumplings for be heard from in due course of time, balls. likewise obscure villages in the south of Germany. His friends have no idea where he is, but they appear confident

The legislative graft committee appears to have done its utmost to solve garded? this new mystery. Only one thing occurs to us that it may have failed to think perts, the egregious Dunkle and the ines-

A RELIC OF THE PAST.

Representative Southern newspapers are taking in good part the Supreme

Mr. Fess is also the first statesman to status, but rather with the purpose of

threat of a criminal prosecution for failure to work out his debts. It was a drastic remedy for an industrial evil. effort to evercome a bad inheritance by

unconstitutional legislation. own and thousands of others have been ly interesting experiment will be made. inspired to become more ambitious and industrious, saving money and living up intelligently to their legal contracts as tenants or farm hands. The long credit system is being abandoned and crops away, just as slavery passed away, behappily yielding everywhere to the influences of progress and education.

THE WOES OF HONDURAS. be regarded as having been prophetic of plunged more deeply or more frequently into troubles and discredit. We should hesitate to estimate the number of times eign war, or the amount of incompetent or dishonest tinkering that its finances have been compelled to endure until it has become about as nearly bankrupt as a state can well be. In this condition of affairs there is a certain grave irony, for the reason that a few years ago Hon duras was solemnly constituted a neutral state and a sort of holy land of Central America, in which peace and As those, just now sworn off, swear on good will should perpetually abide.

There can be no question of the need of a radical rehabilitation of Honduran finances. Liberia recently made a desperate appeal for fiscal aid and comfort, and it has a debt of only \$1,290,000 Santo Domingo some years ago sought American counsel to save it from insolvency, and its debt is less than \$13. 500,000. But there is Honduras, with a population of only about five hundred thousand, with the appalling indebted-It is more than one-fifth as much as that ers of Europe long ago considered so extravagant as to require international control. It is vastly larger proportionately than that of France, which is commonly but erroneously spoken of as the largest per capita debt in the world. Under honest and intelligent management Honduras might be able to liquitime of its history such an achievement

tory of the Metropolitan traction to gain most under the new enumeral granted or refused without serious consideration. The most embarrassing featcates. There is the gain to the public in which fear a loss of representation to ure of the case is that the chief part of Interest has not been paid on it for many years, and the market value of the bonds which represent it has accordingly fallen to something like 12 or 13 The present commissioners were disappearance of the City Chamberlain cents to the dollar. In those circumpioneers in regulation in this state. promises to equal that achieved by the stances foreign bondholders are natural ly anxious and their governments are properly solicitous for their welfare. day was not, and no man knew how he It would not be pleasant for this counthat even the Democratic party, which had contrived to slip away, so the City try to see anything like foreign intervention and control in an American man and of subprena servers, and his state. Yet, of course, it would not be going no man observed. Like Dr. Cook pleasant, either, for the United States he performed the seemingly impossible to be regarded by Europeans as shieldin these days of telegraph, telephone, ing Honduras in virtual repudiation of wireless, airships, submarines and other its debt. It is certain that this country is not seeking to add to its responsibilities in caring for its weaker neighbors, and yet it may be that it has inthe Chamberlain is seen everywhere, berited certain responsibilities which A househoat puts into Florida and the cannot now be shirked without unwel-Chamberlain is surely aboard her!, She come results. The question of our poscomes to land and, no! he is not! Yes- sible aid to Honduras is therefore one an uneven road upon a narrow sleigh can terday it was the superheated imagina- which calls for careful consideration, at

The learned psychologist who declares

With Mrs. Eddy's works in the ship libraries, will the men of our navy study insure a fair Congressional apportionment, but to guarantee that the people
whell be controlly represented in the mere "errors" which are to be disre-

> It is certainly to be hoped that the novement to protect the Crawford Notch, in the White Mountains, from the destruction of its forests will be successful. There is just enough naked granite on the rugged slopes of Mount Webster to accentuate the glory of the vast expanses of birch and pine which clothe most of both sides of that peerless pathway through the hills. A general ity in our load of hay. denudation of both slopes would be a

Chamberlain Hyde has made a remarkable record as a believer in the theory that the opportunity should seek the man. Maybe he thinks that he can get opportunity trained to the habit of hunting for him.

Justice Blackmar, of the Supreme Court of the Second Judicial District. has just made permanent an injunction enforce a "secondary boycott." Labor the "secondary boycott" has been outdubious political as well as industrial lawed by the Supreme Court of the United States. It is a prohibited weapon discover that any federal law controls improving the methods by which agri- in the settlement of disputes between

Mr. Payne has introduced in the House of Representatives a bill author-Straus has resigned as American Am- Its work can be reviewed in detail in Slavery made the South's labor slothful, izing the payment of customs duties by certified checks as well as in coin or coin can also review it if the claim is made cient. After the war, when ready capi- certificates. The measure ought to pass. sador to Russia, will succeed him. can also review it if the claim is made tal was lacking, the land owners were the discrimination made against the use sentation of any sort to the people and obliged to let their land on shares to the discrimination made against the use thus setting up an unrepublican form of laborers badly trained and spoiled by of checks in paying customs duties, premeiCourt designating government. But the nation has no confor the 2d Department, designating government. But the nation has no con-bas been made since the war in educatenue and other public dues. The mer-justice Almet F. Jenks, of Brooklyn, a ceru whatever with the ordinary pro-ing the old field hand, but he still re-chants of this city would be relieved or esses of apportioning membership in a ing the old field hand, but he still re-chants of this city would be relieved of Governor Dix at Albany postponed the opening of bids for state contracts agontracts ag- state Legislature. If Mr. too action in the same of the sacredness of a con- ence by a sensible broadening of the

> Italy's new electoral bill, which seems sachusetts will undoubtedly ring with sideration in advance, the legislatures of not unlikely to become law, is one of the many discoveries of the Dr. Cook order some of the Southern states devised the most interesting of all recent proposals scheme of holding over his head the for suffrage reform. It makes the franchise dependent upon ability to read and write, such capacity being proved by the sending in of a self-written application The reapportionment bill introduced in and most Southerners are now willing and by reading and writing a prescribed to confess that it was an unjustifiable piece of matter in the presence of a commission composed of a school in spector, a school teacher and two munic-"The Charlotte Observer" and "The ipal councillers. And when a man's Columbia State" both advise a repeal of capacity is thus proved he not only may make the average farm laborer more for the first failure to vote, and for the responsible and efficient through educa- second a fine of \$19 and exclusion from tion and practical training. They see any public office for five years. As might hope in the fact that in response to the be expected, the Socialists bitterly opefforts of Booker Washington thousands pose the bill, but the prospect is that it of negroes have acquired land of their will be enacted, and that thus a peculiar-

> > THE TALK OF THE DAY.

An American newspaper correspondent who followed the government army in a are being raised more nearly on a cash recent revolution in a Latin-American coun basis. Pecnage was doomed to pass try tells a story about an experience that he had with the general commanding the into soldiers it must care for them until cause they were both part and parcel of division. The correspondent observed that an antiquated industrial order, now in every town that the troops invaded they would help themselves to everything that valor saved." was not nailed, screwed or anchored down. This did not appeal to the American's ideas of the rules of war, and he reported the misdoings of the soldiers to the commander That is selfish," said the latter, indignant-"I will see to it that when we reac the next town you will have the first the fate of that country, for surely no chance." The correspondent confined him other state of Central America has been self thereafter to the writing of "copy."

> Captain Kidd was burying his treasure. don't like to do it." he said, "but t help it. The new gold coins won' k and I'll never be able to get the dia ack and I'll never be able to get the dia-onds and the silver plate past Loch." Cursing the necessity that drove him to he planted the stuff so deep that even a assessors never succeeded in locating —Chicago Tribune.

THE HAPPIEST NEW YEAR. Doleful the sound that grows as, day h

The saddening glad new year moves on its way. ound of straining wills and cries of pair

again. Nor are they happier who, with sleeples: grip.

Have managed to postpone the fatal slip. Happy the man who on the New Year's .coked out upon a new-pledged world with

His groping fellows try the gliddery path; Anon they stumble down the way of wrath He through the days indulges each pet sin. His face aglow with unrepentant grin. He cannot slip, he cannot grope or fall,

"I shall wed money," said A.

"And I shall marry blood," said B.

"You will find it the same in your daily
lives," said C.

"How?" duetted A. plus B.
"Money table on plus B.

For he, of all the world, swore not at all.

"Money talks, you know," grinned C "and blood will tell."-Toledo Blade. New Year's Eve is a festival occasion in German household in The Bronx disriet for many reasons. The father's birthday is celebrated on the first day of he year, the couple were married on that cate and one of their three children was torn on New Year's Eve, "so near midright," the mother said, "that she has alvays celebrated her birthday with her father." The family was enjoying the 'Sylvester" on Sunday, near the midnight hour, when a telegram came from the oldwould be as impossible as squaring the est son announcing the arrival in his home of a baby boy. "It was near the

little one will be only a New Year's Eve baby-but he's close enough to come into

"I never permit myself to become the "Don't you?" I had an idea that you had become a good deal of a slave to the habit of boasting about your strength. Chicago Record-Herald.

A GENEROUS SUGGESTION

Capsized Hayload Prompts Idea for Making Aeroplanes More Stable. To the Editor of The Tribune

Sir: Through you I would like a few words with the human race about air navigation. We are all interested in the subject, particularly so since the tragic close of the first decade of the twentieth century at New Orleans and Los Angeles. There is no doubt that the accidents which befell those intrepid pioneers were preventable. I propose to point out how their recurrence may, I think, be guarded against. We farmers who have attempted to ride to market upon a high load of hay over clouds on the seat of the present type of aeroplane. A slight unevenness in the roadbed or a sudden gust of wind is liable to bring us to grief. We solve our problem by a better support of the centre of gravity either by building our load upon a wider base, as a wider sleigh or wagon, or else building a lower load upon a wide and flat rack or hay rigging

The same result will be obtained by better supporting the centre of gravity in the aeroplane. The aeroplane in motion is supported by the pressure of air against the under surface of the planes. When the propeller is running properly

the forward motion gives sufficient pressure against the under surface of the planes when properly tilted to maintain a given altitude or rise to a greater one. When the propeller is not in action the downward motion, caused by the force of gravity, gives sufficient pressure against the under surface of the planes to enable the aviator to glide in safety to the earth, parachute The major weight of the outfit consists Military Order of the Carabao. fashion.

of the motor and passenger or passengers. shift this weight to a lower position with reference to the supporting planes and we will get the same result we get with the wider base supporting our centre of grav-

Take two blocks of wood each 1 inch thick, the blocks longitudinally and fasten it to ners in honor of the President and Mrs. the block with a small staple, which can be Taft. made from a bent pin. This represents the The Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. present type of aeroplane. Now fasten the Meyer have issued invitations for a recepother nail to the other block of wood by tion and dance in honor of Miss Taft for driving the point of the nail into the block Thursday, January 12, and the Secretary enough to hold it in place perpendicularly at the centre of the block.

Throw both blocks into a pan of water and they will be supported in and upon the water by reason of the buoyancy of the wood. Churn the water violently, as the wind sometimes churns the air through which we must ride in aviation and see what will happen. The block which represents the present type of machine can readily be capsized and caused to turn turtle. The other block and nail, where we have shifted the centre of gravity to a lower position, cannot be made to turn turtle. We all prefer that type of vehicle when we get ready to trust ourselves among the clouds.

If there is any patentable feature to this idea the publication of this letter should not injure my rights in the matter, as the date which the types place at the top of the page will serve to establish priority of invention.

I am something of an inventor, but both my age and the extent of my financial resources debar me from entering the list of aviators or manufacturers of aeroplanes. sult with me we will decide whether it is Oscar Wilde's "The Importance of Being best to take out a patent or give the public Earnest" for the benefit of the House of the free use of the idea at once, of course, that it is new. O. W. MAPES. Middletown, N. Y., Jan. 2, 1911.

AN IRREVOCABLE SOLDIER To the Editor of The Tribune

Sir: As a soldier, I am interested in the discussion of the pension question, and desire an increase at present to make both ends meet. I have to practise the virtue of economy to such a degree that it overshadows all other good qualities.

While the question is one of money, it is also a question of the necessities and comfort of the men who in 1862-'65 preserved the Republic by putting their lives in the balance. Seldom was a real soldier born. Soldiers had to be made, and a real soldler would at the rell of a drum spring his feet and, with vim and the fury of a devil, charge a battery, whereas he would feel that he was badly whipped if compelled to have to hoe a row of potatoes.

Merchants, farmers, mechanics, etc., can take care of themselves, for that is their business; but when transformed into real soldiers the case often becomes different. They depend for a living on their pensions, and in imagination make their marches and Many of fight their battles over again. this class are literally poor. When a nation has converted any number of its citizens they are finally mustered out, nor allow one "To beg bitter bread through lands his

If there is any scarcity of funds the improvement of our rivers for navigation can take care of itself for a few years to come, as the country can possibly get along with H. H. MOORE. railway service. Daytona Beach, Fla., Jan. 5, 1911.

THANKS FOR CHRISTMAS AID. To the Editor of The Tribune

Sir: May I take the opportunity to thank

your readers for their generous help toward my Christmas work for the wives and families of prisoners? The conditions are such that we could not ask any one to accompany our workers to the many sad homes where the day before Christmas we deliver our carefully packed boxes. We have to remember that into such homes there can be no intrusion. To every contributor who has given u

his name and address we have sent a letter of thanks and an official receipt, but to those who have sent anonymously may I now, through your columns, send a hearty "God bless you"? Next month in the columns of "The Volunteers' Gazette" will be published a full account of our Christmas effort, and I am planning to mail this paper to every Christmas giver. I am sure it will please your readers to

know that the response this year was so generous that we have been able to meet the need without incurring debt. MAUD B. BOOTH.

Headquarters Volunteers of America. New York, Jan. 4, 1911.

NONE FOR THE PEOPLE. From The Toledo Blade.

The late election in New York cost the various candidates a total of \$917,676. There are few bargain days in politics.

From The Rochester Herald. Recent events go to show that an avi-ator ought also to be a good swimmer.

AND A GOOD WALKER.

NOT SO BAD AS IT MIGHT BE. From The Pittsburg Dispatch.

New York has a musical comedy the critics declare is not comic. T nothing new. Many of them have actually painful.

A PUZZLE BEYOND SOLUTION. From The Elmira Advertiser.

People and Social Incidents

Wright.

February 6.

AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

[From The Tribune Bureau.] Washington, Jan. 7.-The President received W. S. Fielding, Minister of Finance, and William Patterson, Minister of Customs, who arrived in Washington from Canada yesterday to resume reciprocity negotiations with this government. The Eritish Ambassador introduced the visitors. As the Canadian Parliament opens next Wednesday, Earl Grey and Sir Wilfrid Laurier will be unable to attend the President's dinner that evening.

The Secretary of State spent two hours with the President this morning. C. A. Severance, of St. Paul, and Mr. Colston, of Cincinnati, were luncheen

guests at the White House. Among the White House callers were Senators Burrows, Curtis, Lodge. Guggenheim, Piles, Crane, Jones, DuPont, Smoot, Stephenson and Cummins; Representative Fester, who introduced the twenty students from Dartmouth College who pre-Cole, Taylor, Pray, Kustermann, Cullop, Kendall, Calder, Cocks and Kennedy.

The President will attend the Gridiron Club dinner to be given at the New Willard on Saturday evening. February 18. Accompanied by Secretary Norton, President Taft took a long walk this afternoon,

and incidentally inspected the sites for the new buildings for the departments of State, Justice and Commerce and Labor. The President entertained a number of

several other Congressmen interested in the Thomas Barber, for Miss Eleanora Kissell. work of the commission.

Because Mr. Taft entertained at dinner dinner of the Washington Corral of the

THE CABINET.

[From The Tribune Bureau.] Washington, Jan. 7.-All the women of the Cabinet will hold their midwinter official receptions next Wednesday, with the exception of Mrs. Dickinson, who is in 3 inches long and 11/2 inches wide. Lay an deep mourning. They have arranged for a eightpenny nail along the middle of one of number of social affairs, besides their din-

> of the Interior and Mrs. Ballinger have issued invitations for a dinner in her honor on February 2.

> > THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS.

[From The Tribune Bureau.] Washington, Jan. 7 .- The German Am-

bassador and Countess von Bernstorff will small luncheon there yesterday for Mr. and hold a reception on the evening of January 27 in celebration of the birthday of the Emperor. They have issued invitations for a ball in honor of Miss Taft on January 30. The Netherlands Minister and Mme. Lou- ried to Bradish Johnson, of this city, on don returned from Baltimore this after- February 8 in New Orleans. noon, where they went to attend the Assembly ball last night.

The Russian naval attaché and Mme. Vassilleff entertained the members of the embassy staff and others at dinner to-night at the St. Regis. in celebration of the Russian Christmas.

IN WASHINGTON SOCIETY.

[From The Tribune Bureau.] Washington, Jan. 7.-The President and Mrs. Taft have taken a box for the matinee on January 18, when a number of the young people of Baltimore will present Mercy. Miss Helen Taft has also taken a box, and other box holders are Mrs. Joseph | their honeymoon at Palm Beach, are now Wadsworth and Mrs. Jeffery Parsons. The Mrs. Charles S. Tuckerman, in Boston, committee in charge is composed of Mrs. Randall Hoes, with Mrs. Arthur Lee, Mrs. Ipswich, Mass. Jack Biddle, Mrs. Percival Dodge, Mrs. Talbet and Mrs. Lee Phillips as assistants. Miss Helen Taft was the guest of honor

at a dinner dance to-night, with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Irvin is in charge of the Mrs. Alexander Britton as hosts. There affair, as usual. were fifty members of the young set who dined and then danced until midnight. The President and Mrs. Taft will occupy a box at the charity ball on Monday night. avenue. Others who have boxes are Rear Admiral and Mrs. Brownson, Mr. and Mrs. Larz

Anderson, who have turned their box over to Mr. and Mrs. Philip McMillan; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Moore and Colonel and Mrs. Robert M. Thompson, of New York and Washington. Miss Murray and Miss Carolyn Murray

mandant of the Brooklyn navy yard, and Mrs. Leutze, who are the guests of Miss the Marquis Cusani-Confalonieri, has ar-Louise Cromwell. Other guests were Miss ranged to come from Washington in order Susanne Carroll, Miss Anyita Talbot, Miss to attend the performance, at which Di-Louise Cromwell, Miss Hester Singer, Miss mitri Smirnoff, the new tenor, will make May Hammond, Miss Downing, Mrs. Philip his second appearance. The Mayor of New Torry, Miss Margaretta Simons and Miss York has also accepted an invitation Lenora Finley. Mrs. Charles Grayson Dulin was hostess the society, No. 129 Broad street; at the

at a tea this afternoon in honor of Mrs. Italian Hospital, No. 169 West Houston J. Livingston Egan, of New York and Flor- street, and from Tyson's. ida. Assisting the hostess were Mrs. William Strother Smith, Mrs. Walter McLean, SOCIAL NOTES FROM NEWPORT. Mrs. Green Clay Goodloe, Mrs. Paul Patterson, Mrs. Guthridge, Miss Calderon and Miss Smith

Mr. and Mrs. Edson Bradley, who were to have given a cotillon in their Washington house on Wednesday night in honor of Miss Helen Taft, have recalled the invitations on account of illness in their family. Mrs. L. Z. Leiter will give a dinner tonorrow night in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Lincoln, when they will meet a party of Cabinet members, diplomats and others.

Among the hosts entertaining at dinner to-night were Mr. and Mrs. George Howard. The Riding Club, now one of the smart-

est social organizations at the capital, held Mr. and Mrs. William Storrs Wells are one of its matinees this afternoon, when a expected during the coming week to make large number of persons witnessed the fancy riding. Mrs. Harold C. Mathews, of New York,

who has been the guest of her mother-inlaw, Mrs. Churchill Candee, for some days, will return to New York on Monday. Mrs. Clarence Buel and Miss Beatrice Buel, of New York, who were the guests over New Year's of Mr. and Mrs. John Jay White, have returned to their home.

NEW YORK SOCIETY. New York is now at the height of its

season, and the uninterrupted round of entertainments of every kind carry with them a suggestion of the carnival or the "Fasching" at Vienna-that is to say, the period of the year wholly given up to fes- York. tivity. Dances, tableaus, theatre parties, luncheons, musicals and dinners succeed one another without interruption, and if the weddings of the month are relatively few in number it is because there is only little time left available for the purpose-this, too, in spite of the fact that the season is unusually long, extending to the beginning of March, instead of coming to a close in the first days of February. Heading the programme for the week to

West 51th street, to-morrow evening, and Wednesday for Egypt, where they will rethis will be followed on Tuesday night by main until spring. Mrs. H. Fairfield Osborn's dance at her house, in Madison avenue, for Miss Alleen son, and by Mrs. William W. Fuller's dance at Sherry's. Mrs. Geraldyn Redmond has announced a dance for Miss Elizabeth Jay Russell on Wednesday evening at the Colony Club, and Mrs. Eben Wright will give Osborn, one of the debutantes of the sea-The pickpocket business must be in hard lines. One fellow, driven to desperation it would seem, made an attempt to pick a woman's pocket in a New York theatre. That he did not find the pocket is understood without the saying.

Son, and by Mrs. William W. Fuller's dance at Sherry's. Mrs. Geraldyn Redmond has announced a dance for Miss Elizabeth Jay Russell on Wednesday evening at the Colony Club, and Mrs. Eben Wright will give

a ball at Sherry's on Friday evening for her debutante daughter, Miss Lota Pell

Other dances in the near future will be Mrs. August Heckscher's dinner-dance at Sherry's on Tuesday week for her daughter, Miss Antoinette Heckscher, and Mrs. Elbridge T. Gerry's dinner-dance on the same night at her house, in East 61st street, while Mrs. Archibald Mackay will give a theatre party followed by a supper and a dance at Sherry's, also on that evening, for her daughter, Miss Margaret Mackay. Mrs. George Jay Gould will give a dinner-dance for Miss Vivien Gould on Thursday week at her house, on Fifth avenue, and on the following day Mrs, Am-

brose C. Kingsland will give a dance for the Misses Kingsland at her house, on the same thoroughfare. Besides these dances there will be those of Mrs. H. Bramhall Gilbert at Sherry's, on January 24, and of Mrs. Joseph F. Stillman at her house, in East 25th street, on January 26; also Mrs. William Douglas sented "David Garrick" at the New Wil- Sloane's dance on January 30, Mrs. Robert lard last evening, and Representatives L. Gerry's dinner-dance at Sherry's on February 3 and John Jacob Astor's dinnerdance at his house, on Fifth avenue, on

Dinners figuring on the programme for the week will be those of Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish on Saturday night at her house, in East 78th street: of Frederick Townsend Martin, on Sunday night next to meet Mrs. Vanderbilt. and Miss Cornelia Brown's dinner of forty at Sherry's on Friday, in connection with Mrs. bankers who are interested in the work of Wright's ball. Miss Brown is the debuthe National Monetary Commission at din- tante daughter of Mrs. Pierre Waring, and ner to-night. His guests included Daniel the dinner will be chaperoned by Mrs. Rob-G. Wing, of the First National Bank of ert Taylor Varnum. Mrs. Archibald G. Boston; David R. Forgan, of the National Thacher will give a dinner on Tuesday at City Bank of Chicago; James Lawrence her house, in East 51st street, and Miss Laughlin, professor of political economy at Justine Van Rensselser Barber haz anthe University of Chicago; one or two nounced a dinner on the same night at the other bankers, Representative Weeks and East 68th street house of her mother, Mrs.

Among those who sailed for Europe yesterday were Mrs. James A. Burden, jr., M this evening he was a late arrival at the and Mrs. Henry Sanford, Miss Agnes Le Roy Edgar, Mr. and Mrs. John Blake Baker, the Count du Monceau, who has been in this country for several weeks, and the Vicomte de Perigny

> Mr. and Mrs. Percy R. Pyne have returned to town for the remainder of the winter from their country place at Bernardsville, N. J.

> Frederick Townsend Martin gave a dinner at the Plaza last evening for Mrs. T. J. Oakley Rhinelander. His guests included Mr. and Mrs. Paul Morton, Mrs. E. N. Breitung, Mrs. James H. Kidder, Mrs. Miller Graham, Miss Buth Lawrence, T. J. Oakley Rhinelander, Duncan Elliott, William C. Reick, Frank Munsey, W. Hude Nellson and Lieutenant Duncan Elliott. Mr. Martin will give a dinner this evening for Miss Constance Warren. Earl Grey, the Governor General of Can-

> Mrs. Charles Dana Gibson Miss Emma Grima, daughter of Mrs. Alfred Grima, of New Orleans, will be mar-

ada, who has just arrived in the city and

is at the Plaza for a few days, gave a

Mr. and Mrs. James Brown Potter will return to town from Richmond to-morrow and will spend the remainder of the winter

Albert Morris Bagby's January musical mornings begin to-morrow at the Waldorf-

Astoria. The second of the set of dances arranged by Mrs. Howland Davis and Mrs. Robert L. Livingston will take place at the Colony, Club on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Tuckerman, who Thropp, Mrs. John R. McLean, Mrs. the guests of Mr. Tuckerman's mother, They will make their future home in

> The annual St. Valentine's Kettledrum will be held at Sherry's on February 11.

> Mrs. W. Watts Sherman will give a large dinner on January 31 at her house, on Fifth

Mrs. Lorillard Spencer, Mrs. W. B. Ossgood Field, Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt. Mrs. Frederick W. Vanderbilt, Mrs. Lloyd C. Griscom and Mrs. Elliott F. Shepard are among the patronesses who have taken boxes for the special performance of "Rigoletto" to be given on Saturday evenentertained at luncheon to-day in honor of ing next at the Metropolitan Opera House Miss Marion Leutze, daughter of the com- for the benefit of the Society for Italian Immigrants. The new Italian Ambassador,

Tickes may be obtained from the office of

Newport, Jan. 7 .- The cottagers of this city are to be well represented among the exhibiters at the Westminster Kennel Show in New York this month, including Miss Julia S. French, Mrs. Samuel J. Wagstaff, Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Fish Webster, Dr. Philip E. Clark and Mrs. Benjamin Weaver.

Mr. and Mrs. William Payne Thompson who were abroad last season, will return here this coming summer. Theodore Phinney and the Misses Phin-

ney are to spend the entire winter at their Newport home. Mrs. J. J. Wysong has returned here to arrange for the closing of her house.

an inspection of their property. Mrs. G. K. Warren and Miss Warren

will remain throughout the winter at their villa. Sidney J. Colford, jr., has returned from

IN THE BERKSHIRES.

New York.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Lenox. Jan. 7 .- Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Groesbeck Fowler, of New York, have arrived at the Curtis Hotel.

Mrs. M. Dwight Collier has closed Osceola cottage and taken apartments at the hotel for the rest of the winter. Mrs. and Mrs. William B. O. Field, who were at Highlawn House for the New Year's holidays, have returned to New

Dr. and Mrs. Henry P. Jaques will sail for the South of France next week from Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. David T. Dana have opened their country place. Birchwood Terrace, which has been reconstructed for them. Dr. and Mrs. William S. Bullard have returned to Boston after a visit to Charles Builard, who is seriously ill at his country

Mr. and Mrs. Giraud Foster departed for Mrs. Vanderbilt's dance at her house, in New York to-day. They will sail

SOMETHING IN A NAME.

From The Buffalo Courier.